

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have incorporated the limitations of claim 4 into claim 1. Claim 4 has been cancelled, without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

A Request for Continued Examination and Information Disclosure Statement are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Claims 1-4, 7 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Yoo (US 2004/0245543); claims 1, 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Coman (US 2001/0042866); and claims 8-12 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoo in view of Wong/Cheung. As the instant application claims priority to JP 2003-144480, which has a filing date of May 22, 2003, and this priority document supports the subject matter set forth in the pending claims, and the effective filing date thereof predates the filing date of Yoo, which is June 4, 2003, it is respectfully submitted that Yoo does not constitute valid prior art to the instant application. A certified English translation of JP 2003-144480 is being filed concurrently with this Amendment in order to perfect the claim of priority. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection based on Yoo must be withdrawn.

Therefore, as Yoo is not a valid prior art reference, Applicant submits that claims 2-4, 7 and 13 are allowable, as no other rejections are pending. Furthermore, as the limitations of claim 4 have been incorporated into claim 1, the sole independent claim pending in the present application, all pending dependent claims thereon are allowable. As such, Applicant submits that

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as all pending claims constitute allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully requests that all § 102 and 103 rejections be withdrawn.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicant submits that claims 1-3 and 5-14 are in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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